

Qosh hosted the championship soccer tournament of the season. For the event, army engineers cleared an area adjacent to the orphanage to create a soccer field.

Seven teams from around the region, along with their families, gathered at the new field, cheering and blowing kazos as the Screaming Eagles faced off against the Iraqi Sharafeya team. The Screaming Eagles won 2 to 1, and the crowd of spectators ran onto the field with cheers and laughter.

Among the happy fans were children from the orphanage wearing personalized soccer uniforms. Earlier in the summer, the 101st had given each child their own soccer uniform with the child's name printed across the back, and "Screaming Eagles" in Arabic emblazoned across the front. I suspect those uniforms will be treasured for years to come, and that is what this struggle is all about—the years to come. We have undertaken an extraordinary task to change the course of history, to bring peace and democracy to Iraq. We know that democracies do not export terror. Tyrannies do. So, we have toppled a despotic, terror-sponsoring regime and set out to transform a brutalized nation.

It is an ambitious undertaking worthy of a great country. America is a great country, and through the noble efforts of men and women like those of the 101st, Iraq is on the road to freedom.

Not too long ago, President Bush signed the historic \$87 billion wartime supplemental that will help the Iraqis realize their dream. He also gave a very important speech to remind us of the fundamental nature of democracy, and America's role in the world.

He said:

The advance of freedom is the calling of our time; it is the calling of our country. We believe that freedom is not for us alone, it is the right and the capacity of all mankind. The establishment of a free Iraq in the heart of the Middle East will be a watershed event in the global revolution.

President Bush has set a brave and courageous course. And I am confident that twenty years from now, Iraqis will fondly recall moments, like the Al Qosh championship soccer match of 2003, with the special pride of having been there when the liberation came.

Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

VISION 100—CENTURY OF AVIATION REAUTHORIZATION ACT—CONFERENCE REPORT

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate

proceed to consideration of the conference report to accompany H.R. 2115, the Century of Aviation Reauthorization Act.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

The committee of conference on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses on the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 2115), to amend title 49, United States Code, to reauthorize programs for the Federal Aviation Administration, and for other purposes, having met, have agreed to recommend and do recommend to their respective Houses as follows:

That the House recede from its disagreement to the amendment of the Senate and agree to the same with an amendment and the Senate agree to the same, signed by a majority of the conferees on the part of both Houses.

(The text of the Conference Report is printed in the proceedings of the House in the RECORD of October 29, 2003.)

CLOTURE MOTION

Mr. FRIST. To my understanding, we are unable to reach a time agreement on this conference report. I now send a cloture motion to the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The cloture motion having been presented under rule XXII, the Chair directs the clerk to report the motion to invoke cloture on the conference report to accompany H.R. 2115, the Vision 100—Century of Aviation Reauthorization Act.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

CLOTURE MOTION

We the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the conference report to accompany H.R. 2115, the Flight 100—Century of Aviation Reauthorization Act.

Bill Frist, John McCain, Conrad Burns, Ben Nighthorse Campbell, A. Wayne Allard, Jeff Sessions, M. Crapo, Larry E. Craig, Kay Bailey Hutchison, John E. Sununu, George Allen, Saxby Chambliss, Rick Santorum, Norm Coleman, Craig Thomas, Pat Roberts, Trent Lott.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The minority leader.

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, if I could just intercede for a moment, I have been discussing this matter with the distinguished majority leader. It is regrettable that, at least at this point, we have not reached a time agreement on the FAA conference report. A lot of work has gone into the bill on both sides. A lot of negotiation has gone into the conference agreement itself.

Because there is no public assurance on the part of the administration that they are not prepared to at least examine the impact of privatization, we are unable to reach agreement with regard to the time on the FAA conference report at this time. I am still hopeful that perhaps before the time we reach the cloture vote, the scheduled time for the cloture vote on Monday, the administration will at least give additional thought to a proposal that has been made now on both sides of the

aisle that they simply join with us in examining more carefully the implications of privatization prior to the time it is decided.

A 1-year moratorium, an examination of the ramifications of privatization is what we are seeking. With that assurance I think we could get a vote of 100 to 0, perhaps, on this bill. I am very hopeful that is still within the realm of possibility. If it were not for that, I think we would have agreement this afternoon. So I only note that, given the fact that we still have time before next Monday to come to some agreement with regard to how to proceed on privatization.

I thank the majority leader for his intervention. I will await further word. I yield the floor.

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, the Democratic leader and I were just talking about that prior to my taking the floor. I will discuss this with the appropriate people, as well as Senator LOTT, who has worked very hard on the conference report.

Mr. DASCHLE. I thank the majority leader.

Mr. FRIST. I now ask, notwithstanding rule XXII, this vote occur at 5:30 on Monday, and that the time from 4:30 to 5:30 be equally divided between the two leaders or their designees for debate prior to the vote. Finally, I ask the quorum under rule XXII be waived.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

EXECUTIVE CALENDAR

Mr. FRIST. I ask unanimous consent the Senate now proceed to executive session for the consideration of Calendar Nos. 237 and 238, en bloc.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The nominations will be stated.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

The legislative clerk read the nomination of Thomas C. Dorr, of Iowa, to be Under Secretary of Agriculture for Rural Development.

The legislative clerk read the nomination of Thomas C. Dorr, of Iowa, to be a Member of the Board of Directors of the Commodity Credit Corporation.

CLOTURE MOTIONS

Mr. FRIST. This nomination was reported by the Agriculture Committee on June 18. We have been unable to reach a consent on its consideration. Therefore, I send two cloture motions to the desk and ask they be reported consecutively.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The cloture motions having been presented under rule XXII, the Chair directs the clerk to read the motions.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

CLOTURE MOTION

We the undersigned Senators, in accordance with the provisions of rule XXII of the